

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 NICE 00444 291629Z

60

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 MCT-01

OPR-02 /072 W

----- 051170

P 291440Z SEP 76

FM AMCONSUL NICE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1192

INFO AMCONSUL BORDEAUX

AMCONSUL LYON

AMCONSUL MARSEILLE

AMCONSUL STRASBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS NICE 0444

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PINS, FR

SUBJECT: VIOLENCE IN CORSICA

REF: NICE 442 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF CONTINUED POLICE QUESTIONING, LUDWIG WERNER, A NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD GERMAN DESERTER FROM THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION, HAS CONFESSED TO THE DOUBLE MURDER OF THE RUGGIERI BROTHERS THIS PAST WEEKEND NEAR THE CITY OF CORTE.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, WERNER DECLARED TO THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE IN BASTIA ON SEPTEMBER 28 THAT HE HAD DESERTED HIS LEGION POST DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 21-22, TAKING WITH HIM HIS RIFLE AND AMMUNITION. WERNER TOLD THE JUDGE THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY THE SHEPHERD BROTHERS AS HE SOUGHT REFUGE IN THEIR MOUNTAIN HUT DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 28.

3. FOLLOWING WERNER S ARREST, DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF THE FOREIGN LEGION CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NICE 00444 291629Z

MILITARY GUARDS AT THE HOME OF THE COMMANDER OF THE 2ND REGIMENT OF THE FOREIGN LEGION IN CORTE WERE FIRED UPON BY

ANTI-LEGION DEMONSTRATORS. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

4. OVER THREE THOUSANDS PERSONS ATTENDED THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF THE RUGGIERI BROTHERS DURING THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 28 IN CORTE. THE CITY WAS CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC DURING THE FUNERAL MASS AND MOST OF THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AS WELL AS SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED. IN ADDITION TO THE SOUS-PREFET OF CORTE, MR. SUSINI, THE FUNERAL WAS ATTENDED BY THE DEPUTY-MAYOR OF BASTIA, MR. ZUCCARELLI AND THE GENERAL COUNCILOR OF BUSTANICO, DR. MORACCHINI. SLOGANS HOSTILE TO THE FOREIGN LEGION WERE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

5. FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL, OVER A THOUSAND PEOPLE GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE SOUS-PREFECTURE IN CORTE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP WERE RECEIVED BY THE SOUS-PREFET: THEY DEMANDED A REPLY TO THEIR PRIOR REQUEST THAT THE FOREIGN LEGION BE REMOVED FROM CROSICA. THE SOUS-PREFET TOLD THEM THAT AN OFFICIAL ANSWER TO THEIR REQUEST, ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED TO HIS OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 26, HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM PPARIS. UPON LEAVING THE BUILDING, THE GROUP LEADERS ANNOUNCED THE PREFET S REPLY TO THE ASSEMBLED CROWD: THEY IMMEDIATELY RETALIATED BY ATTACKING THE PREFECTURE WITH STONES AND DESTROYING ITS GARDEN. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE PREFET S AUTOMOBILE WAS DESTROYED BY AN EXPLOSIVE CHQRGE WHICH WAS HEARD THROUGHOUT THE CITY. ALTHOUGH NO PHYSICAL INJURIES WERE REPORTED, TENSION REMAINED HIGH IN CORTE AS WELL AS IN OTHER MAJOR CITIES ON THE ISLAND.

MURPHY

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION, DEATHS, CIVIL DISORDERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976NICE00444
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760367-1094
From: NICE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976098/aaaaagaa.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 NICE 442
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 AUG 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 AUG 2004 by cookms>; APPROVED <13 DEC 2004 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VIOLENCE IN CORSICA
TAGS: PINT, PINS, FR, FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION, FFL, (WERNER, LUDWIG)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006